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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated April 30, 2003, applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, claims 1 - 11, 14 - 20 and 34, of this application for immediate further examination.

It is respectfully requested that the examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding Restriction Requirement. Applicant urges that, at least as respects Groups I, II and III, the examiner's search for any one of the three groups of claims, to be complete, would largely overlap if not be entirely coextensive with searches for the subject matter of the other two groups of claims.

Applicant is a non-profit educational institution. The five-way restriction increases applicant's costs significantly. It will also result in duplicative and unnecessary additional work by the Patent and Trademark Office examiner corps and clerical personnel, it is believed.

Consequently, withdrawal of the restriction requirement would benefit applicant and the Patent and Trademark Office, applicant believes.

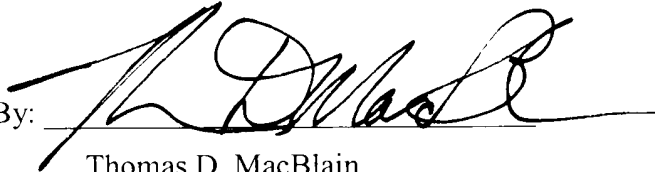
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